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GRAHAM—At Poona, Parsee, on the 9th August, the wife of G. Graham, Esq., B. C. S., of a son.
DODD—At Sholapur, Oonth, on the 12th August, the wife of Charles Dodd, esq., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

BOWERS—At his residence, Bhuptelaki, Bhagulpore, on the 9th August, Joseph Francis Bowers, Indigo Planter and Trader, aged 38 years and 8 months.
PERRIS—At 5, Government Place, on the 16th August, William Francis, the early son of J. F. Peers, Surgeon, aged 3 years and 2 months and 20 days.

MADRAS.

MARRIAGE.

FINGLAS—O'REILLY—At Masulipatam, on the 9th August, by the Revd. A. Faglaben, Captain Lewis J. F. Finglas, 2 Rs Excellency Nawab Salar Jung's Infantry, to Miss Maria, daughter of Mr. James O'Reilly, Jailor of Gen...

SHIPPING.

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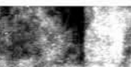

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STEAM TO THE PERSIAN GULF.

THE British India Steam Navigation Company's (Limited) will despatch a Steamer to the Persian Gulf, on 25th September, touching at Kurrachee, Gwadel, Muscat, Bunder Abbas, Bushire and Bussorah, also Linga if sufficient inducement offers.
W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

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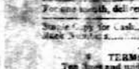
W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

N. B.—The S. S. PENANG, 380 tons, 160 H. P., Captain BLACKBURN, will be despatched on the above voyage on the 15th September.

STEAM COMMUNICATION TO POINT DE GALLE, PENANG, SINGAPORE, AND HONGKONG.



THE Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Steam-ship SALSETTE, 1431 Tons and 400 H.P., Captain H. W. KING, will be despatched for Ports as above on MONDAY, the 29th August [illegible] taking also Cargo ... Calcutta.

Last shipping day, Thursday the 25th ... Cargo will be allowed on any chest of Opium in the ship on the Bill of Lading.

ROBERT BUNDAS, Acting Superintendent.
P. and O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Bombay, 16th August, 1864.

It is necessary that Bills of Lading and Receipts should be in Office by noon of 27th instant.

Shippers of Cargo on the Company's Black Bills of Lading are requested to note the terms and conditions of those Bills of Lading, with reference to the transhipment and forwarding of Cargo, with a view to the advantage of their Insurance Policies in respect of ... thereof.

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EAST INDIA BANK.—Provisional Share Certificates, in Exchange for receipts for First and Second Calls, will be issued, on application at the Offices of the Bank, No. 3, Hornby Row.

By order of the Board,
W. C. CURRIE, Acting Manager.

INDIAN PENINSULA, LONDON, AND CHINA BANK (LIMITED).—SECOND CALL.—Notice is hereby given, that from and after this date Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum will be charged upon all unpaid Calls.

By order of the Directors,
D. A. TRAILL CHRISTIE, Officiating Manager.
Bombay, 22nd August 1864.

NOTICE.—An emergent General Meeting of the Members of the Bombay Club, will be held to the Club Rooms THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 25th August 1864, at 5 P. M., to consider the subject of a fee for a new Club House. All Resident Members are particularly requested to attend.

JOHN REYNOLDS,
Honorary Secretary Bombay Club.

CONSIGNEES OF GOODS, per Augusta, O. Ellis, Master, from Boston, are requested to send Boats for their respective Goods as they ready to leave Sailing which, the same will be landed at the Lighterage of the consignees.

O. E. KYLIN, at CURRIE and BOUSFIELD.
Bombay, 25th August 1864.

TENDERS REQUIRED FOR 30,000 TEAK WOOD SLEEPERS, to be delivered on the Premises of the Bombay Salsette Company (Limited) at Chowpatty, at the rate of 6-0 per month. Specification and other particulars to be had on application at Messrs. Sorley and CRAIGIE'S.

GEORGE WHITLEY, for the Secretary.
N. B.—No tender will be received after the 31st instant.
23rd August 1864.

TO DEVELOPERS AND CAPITALISTS.—The Advertiser begs to inform Directors of Public Companies, and others, who may be engaged in carrying on extensive works, that he is open to an engagement, either as a Storekeeper, or Paymaster, or General Overseer. His qualifications may be such as to suit a variety of purposes, and he speaks fluently all the Hindostanee language.

References, of the highest character, will be furnished. Address "Z. S. P.," Bombay Herald Office, Fanaa.
Bombay, 19th August 1864.

BARRACK DEPARTMENT.—To be sold by Public auction on the 8th proximo, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, in Fort George, a quantity of superfluous and unserviceable Barrack Stores, Copper Ware, &c.

Terms.—Purchasers are requested to pay down on the spot the total amount for which separate Lots are knocked down, and to clear the same away immediately the Sale is concluded, as the Barrack Department will incur no risk or responsibility in the matter.

J. BARNARD, Senior Barrack Master.
Bombay, 24th August 1864.

BOMBAY CONTRACT AND BUILDING COMPANY (LIMITED)—FOURTH CALL OF Rs. 100 PER SHARE.—Notice is hereby given, that the Shareholders in this Company are required to pay a Fourth Call of Rupees one hundred (100) per Share into the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, on or before THURSDAY, the 15th September, proximo, failing which, interest will be charged on all such unpaid Calls at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum until further notice.

By order,
A. CUMMING, Secretary.
Company's Office, 10 Hamman Street, 24th Aug. 1864.

NOTICE.—Lost or Stolen, a Receipt dated 23rd June 1864, of the Bank of Hindostan, China, and Japan (Limited) for Rs 500, for the first Call upon ten Shares of the Alliance Bank of Bombay (Limited) in the name of JAMSETJEE DADABHAI VADIA, Indian Trading Bank, and Black endorsed by him, together with Allotment Paper of the same. Whoever produces the Papers to the undersigned at the Office of the East Indian Trading and Banking Company will be handsomely rewarded. Notice of loss has been given at several quarters.

SHEWRAM, LISBOA & Co.
Tamarind Lane, 24th August 18 4.

NOTICE.—To Let for one year certain, from 15th September next, a piece of Ground on the north side of the Grant Road, formerly a Tank, called Oursejee Sookhjee Tank, and contains by measurement 406 square yards.

The Ground may be used for storing Materials, or for Vegetable and Garden purposes, but will not be allowed to be built upon even in a temporary manner.

For Plan of the Ground or other information, application should be made to the undersigned, who will receive Verbal Tenders for the rental of the said Ground, till 3 o'clock on THURSDAY next, the 25th instant, in this Office, No. 4, in Hornby Row, Fort.

By order of the Municipal Commissioners,
WM. COLE BAYLY,
Surveyor to the Municipal Commissioners.
Bombay, Surveyor's Office, 24th Aug. 1864.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that HORA SHAHZEEBHOY MOOLLABHOY MEVA, Mahomedan Inhabitant of Bombay, hath contracted and agreed to mortgage to JEEWANJEE DHUNJEEBHOY MAMA BANSA, Parsee Inhabitant of Bombay, all that piece or parcel of Government Land or Ground, with the Messuages, Tenement, or Dwelling House, Hereditaments, and Premises, standing thereon, situate at Butcher Street, without the Fort Walls of Bombay, aforesaid; and containing by admeasurement two hundred and two square yards, be the same little more or less and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under number 3, and are registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under number one hundred and ninety-seven, and which said premises are bounded as follows:—that is to say, on the East by the House of the said Hora Shahzeebhoy Moollabhoy Meva, on the West by the Public Road called the Butcher Street, on the North by the House of Vazeer Mowji Kassy, and on the South by the stable of Meva Dada Meeckan. All persons having any claims upon the Premises by way of Mortgage, Inheritance, or otherwise, are hereby required to make the same known to me, as the Solicitor for the said Mortgagee, at my Office, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the Mortgage will be completed without regard to any such claim.—Dated this 22nd day of August 1864.

CHARLES LEGGETT, Mortgagee's Solicitor.

BANK OF INDIA.—Notice is hereby given, that an Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Bank on FRIDAY, the 9th September, proximo, at 3 P. M., for the transaction of the following business:—

1st.—To receive the Report of the Directors and declare a Dividend for the period ending 30th June 1864.

2nd.—To elect Directors and Auditors for the ensuing year.

3rd.—To alter Clause XLIX. of the Articles of Association:—

"That the qualification of a Director shall be the Ownership of 100 Shares or more of the 150 each, as follows:—

"That the qualification of a Director shall be the Ownership of 50 Shares or No. 25 each.

4th.—To alter Article XVIII.:—

"That if any call or instalment shall remain unpaid after the time fixed for payment thereof, interest thereon at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum shall be charged from the day appointed for payment thereof.

"That the Directors fix the rate of interest to be charged on any call or instalment which shall remain unpaid after the time fixed for payment thereof."

By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN GRAY, Manager.
24th August 1864.

POSTAL NOTICE.

CHINA MAIL.

The Post Office Packet for Ceylon, Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong, will be despatched on Saturday, 27th instant, at 8 A. M. A Packet for the Indian Ports will be made up and closed for the Post Office at 8 A. M. on the 28th instant, and for Aden at 8 P. M. on the 29th instant.

CALENDAR—AUGUST, 1864.

Days	Sunrise	Sunset	Time Watch	Time Reckoning
			H. M.	H. M.
Thur.	25	6	6	6
Fri.	26	6	6	6
Sat.	27	6	6	6
Sun.	28	6	6	6
Mon.	29	6	6	6
Tues.	30	6	6	6
Wed.	31	6	6	6

LATEST DATES RECEIVED.

Aden	Aug. 14	Liverpool	Aug. 2
Akyab	Aug. 11	London	Aug. 2
Alexandria	Aug. 16	Malacca	Aug. 6
Amherst	Aug. 6	Madras	Aug. 16
Bassein	Aug. 6	Moulmein	Aug. 6
Calcutta	Aug. 18	Penang	Aug. 8
Cape	July 19	Rangoon	Aug. 6
Ceylon	Aug. 16	Singapore	Aug. 8
China	July 25	Sydney	July 6
Galle	Aug. 16	Trincomalee	Aug. 16
Hongkong	Aug. 1	Tuticorin	Aug. 16

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 1864.

THE Talookdaree system in Oude is an institution which, owing to its novelty, has given rise to a vast deal of discussion, not only in Oude itself but in other parts of the country; but, notwithstanding the general discussion of the subject, it has in few instances, indeed, been impartially reviewed; and this may be in a great measure caused by the general ignorance of the principles upon which it is founded. The foremost error seems to be in treating it as a new institution, and, therefore, inimical to the interests of the mass of the people, who, it is alleged, are by this means placed at the mercy of the most influential barons in the country invested with plenary powers. This is quite a mistake, but it is not the only misapprehension which prevails in connection with the institution. Those who are in the least acquainted with the history of Oude since our advent could never fail into such an error, unless they were wilfully blind to the facts of the case. The truth is that the Talookdaree system has always been indigenous to the soil of Oude. On our first coming, we found the system flourishing to an extent dangerous to the stability of the Government, and to the welfare of the masses. The system had, in fact, parted from the parent state into small quasi-independencies, bowing only to the paramount power when the latter was capable of exercising it. The bad repute of the system had proceeded it, and before we had properly set foot in the country we had almost made up our minds to dispose of it, and substitute for it, in the settlement of Oude, the system we had found to work (at least up to that time) so well in the neighbouring provinces. With this determination, it was not surprising, therefore, to find on actual possession of the country that the Talookdaree system ceased to be recognized, and that the settlements were made, not with the influential nobles, but with the subdivisions, and actual cultivators of the soil; but mark the almost immediate result of this course of policy. The first thing we found on reconquering the province was the re-establishment of the old institution, with the aid of those men with whom we had made the direct settlements. They found themselves unable to retain their possessions in peace and quiet till they placed their property and persons under the protection of men who were both willing and able to afford them that protection. This institution seems to have been necessary to the people and the country, and it has sprung up again as soon as the pressure of our influence was removed.

In reviewing, therefore, the subject of the Talookdaree system in Oude, we must first look upon it as indigenous to the country. There are a class of people who will not acknowledge the existence of the institution prior to our advent; and the very same ignorance which actuates them in this matter influences them in discussing the details of the question generally. From these, then, we could hope to derive little information as to the real merits of the institution which has like every other institution its weak points; but that its existence is detrimental to the interests of the people, and of the country, I disprove! both by past experience and the present prosperous state of Oude. We need, therefore, place little reliance on or stay to refute arguments founded on other than the real facts of the question, but proceed to the discussion of the points involved forthwith.

Not long since a rumour was in circulation to the effect that certain changes were in contemplation in reference to the position of the Talookdars, which would affect, for the most part, their landed tenures. Now, whatever effect such a report may have had on the minds of the parties most interested, the impression on the minds of the well-informed part of the community was certainly not calculated to create any alarm, as these but too well knew the exact position and creation of the Talookdars, and the policy involved in the maintenance of the system. But it seems now that there was more force in the rumour than was at first apprehended, though still far less truth than the nature of the rumour might have implied. But as this interference, slight as it undoubtedly is, involves a principle of vast political importance, it needs more than a mere cursory notice.

It ought to be stated, however, before proceeding further upon a discussion of the question at issue, with a new letter to elucidate it, that, by the proclamation issued on the re-occupation of Oude, all the land therein (with few exceptions) escheated to the State, *i. e.* the paramount power; but the actual holders were allowed to retain possession provided they tendered their obedience to the ruling power. The question of the permanent retention of those properties was, however, to remain in abeyance till a future period; the object being not to disturb present holdings, and to interfere as little as possible with the Baronial privileges of the *de facto* possessors. But this was not to be understood in the light either of a direct or indirect guarantee of their possessions to the then incumbents; it was simply a possession recognised till affairs were better understood, and the peace of the country restored, when it would become more feasible to get at the real merits of each holding. But before this could be effected the time was fast approaching when it would be incumbent to arrange more definitely the basis on which these holdings were to be recognized in future; for this was not only necessary for the satisfaction of those in possession, it was even more necessary for the interest of the country, and the welfare of the people.

The first step, then, towards the attainment of this object was, to ascertain the exact extent of each man's holdings. In this view, each Talookdar was required to furnish a list of the villages, lands, &c. then in his possession, and there was no distinction evidently required to be made between these lands held as of a right, and those which the Talookdar held merely as mortgages; or, in other words, lands in which the Talookdar had simply a possessor's rights. The lists called for having been forwarded, and it being taken for granted that the lists so furnished were correct, the lands were confirmed to the present holders, by the late Viceroy, Lord Canning, in open Durbar; and a Sunnud granting the same in perpetuity was subsequently delivered to each man by the Chief Commissioner under his own signature.

The question that has now arisen is as to the settlement of the rights of the mortgagers: in a legal point of view these men have clearly the right of redemption; and had the question involved a judicial bearing, there would be no doubt of the issue. But it seems to us that the principle involved is of a political character, for the grants were made for political purposes and by the highest political functionary in the Empire; and any doubts now arising in connection therewith must be dealt with by the same authority. Mr. Currie, the Settlement Commissioner, was therefore right in our opinion in refusing to deal with claims to redemption of lands conferred in perpetuity on the present holders by the late Viceroy of India.

If then, these tenures can be viewed in no other light than as political grants, and if we take into consideration the exact wording of the Sunnud, it seems to us a matter of very grave importance to treat any question arising out of these grants. It may be true, as stated by the *Delhi Gazette*, that the Talookdars misled the State, but it is not so clear that they intentionally did so; that could only be ascertained by a formal investigation and enquiry; but, even supposing that the State had been misled, it would scarcely alter the character of the principle for which we contend in treating a question of this nature.

If it be true, and we have every reason to believe it is, (indeed it is publicly stated so by the *Delhi Gazette*), that the present Viceroy contemplates the recognition of the claims by mortgagers to redeem their lands, notwithstanding that these are covered by and included in the Sunnuds granted by the State, we must certainly state it as our opinion (apart from the merits of the measure), that the policy of doing so is not only very questionable, but likely to be interpreted in a light not favourable to our cause—for, if Sunnuds once granted in terms and words which admit of but one interpretation, are at any future period liable to be questioned, on grounds purely judicial, the fear is that such grants and Sunnuds as may be made in future will have lost that solemnity and certainty in the estimation of the mass which it is both the intention and policy of the State to encourage. It would be far better if the mortgagers were paid the value of their lands, calculated on an equitable scale, or calculated with reference to the amount at which they were mortgaged, than that they should be allowed to redeem, at so late a period, when the value of lands has been so much enhanced in the interior of the provinces. This value might be realised from the Talookdars or paid by the State; but the latter would be the more dignified course, and one that we should recommend in preference to any other arrangement. In fact, this would seem to be the only solution of the difficulty at this distance of time; and its adoption would not in our opinion operate so much to the prejudice of the people, as the contrary course would upon our policy; for, considering the circumstances under which the mortgages were effected, the position of the mortgagers to the State at that time, and the effect of the terms of the Proclamation on all those holding right in land when it was issued, the claims of these mortgagers would not seem to be very strong. It cannot be denied for a moment that hereditary holders lost their possession during the disturbances, how and in what way it is not for us to discuss; it may be sufficient to know that these lands, so lost to the owners, fell into the possession of the great landholders of the country; and as a rule the lands were confirmed to the holders as it was thought inexpedient and needless to enquire then into the details of each holding: and no doubt this was the best course to pursue under the circumstances. If then such a course was pursued in regard to private rights it might seem not a very great hardship to observe the same course as regards lands held in mortgage. If the lands of the mortgager are to be restored, what should prevent enquiry being made into the private rights of individuals whose lands have been incorporated in the large Talooqdarees spread all over the Province? To us there seems no real difference; and we would therefore view, with much apprehension, any change now made in holdings held by the Talooqdars under the sanction of the paramount power and confirmed to them under the signature of the Head of the Administration. The state of the country, the attitude of the populace, and the terms of the proclamation, empowered us to deal with the land as we thought best; and at least to confirm those in possession whom we found in possession. This is all we have done, and we should steadfastly adhere to that policy.

LATEST FROM ENGLAND.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Special for the Bombay Gazette.)

LONDON, 10TH AUG., 5 P. M.

Latest dates from New-York, 30th July.

General Grant has despatched two corps of his army to the north side of the James River. The Confederate attack was repulsed. Grant is supposed to have abandoned the siege of Petersburg.

The Confederates have again invaded Pennsylvania and occupied Chambersburg.

Further indecisive fighting at Atalanta on the 22nd.

Fair Dhollera, 23¾d.; dull. Manchester market depressed; 7 lb. Shirtings, 17s. 6d.

Discount, 8.

(Private Telegram.)

LIVERPOOL, 11TH AUG., 3-35 P. M.

Cotton quiet; prices a little easier.

Discount, 8.

Money market unsettled, checking business.

Nothing decisive from America.

(By Electric Telegraph.)

COLOMBO, 23RD AUGUST.

Steamer *Arabia* sailed for Negapatam.

MASULIPATAM, 24TH AUGUST.

Steamer *Penang* sailed for Madras.

LIVERPOOL LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

LIVERPOOL, 2ND AUGUST.

The dull season has commenced, and the Queen has given her good boys a holiday. The Danish war is ended; even the Yelverton case is finished, and Yankee-Doodle is the only one who can furnish our *quid-nuncs* with a sensation or a surprise. When I say the Yelverton case is finished, I am perhaps talking too fast, for it is likely to drag as hard as the Scotch parson's sermon, which was always wound up with, "finally, lastly, and in conclusion." The House of Lords have decided against the lady, but it would appear that the processes of Scotch law are not exhausted, and that an examination on oath of the principals may yet furnish evidence that will upset the decision of the Peers. It is not yet clearly known the terms on which Denmark has obtained peace, but it may be supposed they will be pretty hard ones. The fact is that Von Bismark has more in him than the *Times* gives him credit for. I fancy if you buy *him* for a fool you would lose by the bargain. Our Press rather under-estimated this man, who has yet succeeded in a manner in befooling England, in keeping France quiet, and making Austria only second fiddle to Prussia. Now it takes a clever fool to do that, especially as he tried at the same time to humbug Federal Germany and keep down the Liberal party. There can be little doubt that he has the aggrandisement of Prussia at heart and that he will seize as much of the conquered country as he dare. It remains to be seen how far he will carry that dangerous game. The news from America is conflicting and puzzling. Lee could spare an army from Richmond to plunder Pennsylvania, and almost capture Baltimore and Washington, yet a point of such vital importance so long threatened as Atlanta is suffered to fall into the hands of the Federals. Such is the strong rumour, though it certainly wants confirmation. If it be true, the blow to the South is severer than if Richmond had fallen. Of course the *moral* effect which the fall of Richmond would have, would be serious enough, but by the loss of Atlanta, immense forces and a permanent source of supply are sacrificed. A number of great trunk lines converge in that city, and if a Federal General were allowed to entrench himself there, Lee's supplies and communications would be cut off. Lincoln has called for 500,000 more men, and we are at the same time perplexed with vague rumours of peace negotiations: these, however, turn out to be based on some unofficial advances from an accredited politician, ensconced on the safe side of Niagara Falls: and if there be any negotiations, the necessary advances have not been made they seem to have been summarily disposed of by Abraham. Mr. Chase, as you are aware, has resigned, but his successor, as might have been guessed, is in great perplexity and the New York bankers are exceedingly coy. Meanwhile Grant is besieging Petersburg—not Richmond,—and Lincoln has called for 500,000 more volunteers to give the rebellion the *coup-de-grace*. We are to have a grand bazaar here early in October in aid of the fund for the Sorely Stricken Southern Women which Bombay will surely contribute. New York advices to 23rd ultimo Exchange 272. Gold 251.

The Money Market is again giving cause for anxiety, and the rate of discount at the Bank of England is at 7 per cent. Something like a panic occurred in London when the charge was made, but people have recovered, and the cause of an immediate further rise is not apparent. It is indeed to be expected that we shall have a high average for money this half year, but the plenty is not yet. The Board of Trade Returns show so great an increase in our trade and in the value of our exports and imports, that so long as our stock of cash remains about the same the increased competition for it must raise its value. There is this, however, to be said, that although India and Egypt have larger bills against us than ever, that we have already paid a good deal on account in the way of advances, so that it is only balances we shall have to provide against. Some people, however, talk of money being at 10 or 12 per cent. in November.

The Cotton Market is very quiet and stupid. It will neither go up nor down, but as is usually the case in a time of suspense, weak holders—that is to say people who want either money or courage—are selling small parcels under quotations. On the whole, however, the tone of the market is very confident as to the future. When stocks are compared with consumption it is seen that there must be a squeeze soon for really good cotton, and those who send rubbish need not expect to reap gold. The peculiar news from America, more remarkable for its uncertainty than anything else, is against the market, and arrivals which have been considerable have been freely offered. Long staples are cheaper; the better sorts of Surats are rather dearer in most cases, but the lower qualities are unsaleable. For arrival, China is the only cotton materially cheapened, but the business in floating parcels has been moderate.

The market for goods follows that for the raw material, and the quotations current at the date of last mail are barely maintained. The last telegrams from your side also were not so encouraging as was expected.

Cotton which has so long, and shares which have so recently, been the main subjects of speculative interest have for a time at least given place to sugar. It is surprising to find how unprepared any unusual circumstances find people who one would think in the very trade in which they arise; how they grope for an explanation and sometimes pronounce with oracular ignorance. A London circular not long ago showed that the deficiency in the stocks of sugar this year in the world amounted to so much, and proceeded to argue that as an advance in price in the same proportion had taken, the highest point had already been reached. The writer seemed to be in ignorance of the law long ago illustrated by Mr. Tooke, that the advance in price is always in a much greater ratio than the declining in quantity. The present stock of the world being less by one-fifth than last year's consumption, the price must rise four-fifths before 31st December. Now the average price of clayed Manila may be taken at 22s. per cwt., and we may therefore expect to see it at 40s. before the year is out. This rule is absolute when applied to a necessary article like corn, but in an article such as sugar a certain point must see a restriction in use: true, but sugar is cheap and £10 per ton is only 1d. per lb.

Seeds have been very excited during the forthnight and large sales have been made. Linseed was at one time 3s. per quarter above last quotation, and now 2s. dear. Rapeseed is firm at 42s. 6d. to 43s. 6d. per last. Linseed oil. An improvement in the demand for which has put oil-cake in great demand, and though the excitement has moderated opinion is in favour of high prices, and holders of seed are very confident.

ARRIVAL OF THE OVERLAND MAIL OF 3rd AUGUST.

THE P. and O. Co.'s steamer *Deodora*, Captain J. A. Collett, with the Overland mail of the above date, arrived in harbour at about 20 minutes past 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She left Suez on the 12th at 8-10 P. M., and Aden on the 18th instant at 11-10 A. M. The following is the

LIST OF PASSENGERS.

From Southampton.

Mr. Cresswell.
" Watson,
" Barnford,
" Rowland,
" Williams,
" Turner,
" Pice,
" Thompson.
Mr. Gray,
Mr. Mrs. and Miss Johnson,
" Bennett,
" Frazer,
" Bogle,
and
" A. Davis,

From Marseilles.

Mr. Faber,
" Cleveland,
" Boulton,
" Forbes,
" Watt,
" Perrins,
" Beal,
Mr. Pryor,
" Hall,
" Woods,
" McIlwan,
" Peerlboy,
and
" Jones,

From Aden—Mr. Murdoch.

HEADS OF INTELLIGENCE.

(From the Home News, Aug. 3.)

Parliament was prorogued on the 29th of July. The basis of peace have been agreed upon between Denmark and the German Powers, and an armistice of three months entered into.

The Wurtemburg and Saxony Chambers have protested against the occupation of Rendsburg by Prussian troops, and the Bavarian government has proposed to the Diet to demand their immediate withdrawal.

Prussia has addressed diplomatic notes to the cabinets of London, Paris, and St. Petersburg, explaining the situation at Rendsburg.

Negotiations for peace which were opened between agents of the Confederates and Federals in America have entirely failed. Mr. Lincoln has called for a fresh levy of 500,000 men. General Grant still maintains a passive attitude at Petersburg. Sherman is reported to have defeated the Confederates with great loss, and to have occupied Atlanta. A Confederate force is said to have recrossed the Potomac into Maryland.

The Emperor of the French has awarded to the Suez Canal Company 54 millions of francs indemnity for relinquishing the lands on the margin of the canal.

A great public meeting held near Frankfort has adopted resolutions rejecting the claims of the Duke of Oldenburg to the Duchies, and demanding the convocation of the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament, and the institution of a national German representation.

The Prussian government has doubled the garrison at Kiel.

The Lord Mayor gave a banquet to her Majesty's Ministers on the 27th of July.

The Fishmongers' Company entertained her Majesty's Ministers at a banquet on the 1st of August.

A cordial understanding is said to be re-established between the King of Italy and Garibaldi.

Attention has been called in Parliament to the large emigration to the United States from the English manufacturing districts.

Judgment has been given in the House of Lords in the Yelverton case, declaring that Theresa Longworth had failed to prove a marriage with Major Yelverton. Further proceedings will be taken in Scotland.

A deputation has had an interview with Sir Charles Wood respecting grants-in-aid to private and missionary schools in the Bombay Presidency.

The Wesleyan Conference has commenced its sittings at Bradford, the Rev. W. L. Thornton, president, and the Rev. John Farrar, secretary.

In the annual boat race between the Eton and Westminster Schools, the Etonians have won by a considerable distance.

A Royal decree has been issued in Spain for erecting a statue to Christopher Columbus.

The Board of Trade returns for the month of June show an important increase above the returns of last year.

The Prince of Wales has laid the foundation-stone at Netley of a memorial to the medical officers who fell in the Crimea.

A conflagration extending several miles has broken out amongst the furze and plantations in Kent.

The Board of Trade has issued suggestions to the railway companies for establishing communications between the passengers and the guards.

A satisfactory settlement of the differences between Spain and Peru is anticipated.

In some parts of England great anxiety is expressed respecting the growing crops, in consequence of the long drought.

The King of Italy has visited Milan, where he was enthusiastically received.

The harp is about to be introduced into the Church of England choirs.

Several hundred persons have been killed by the fall of the dome of a church in St. Petersburg.

Mr. Serjeant Petersdorff has been appointed judge of the Exeter County Court.

Mr. Coleridge, Liberal, and Lord Courtenay, Conservative, are candidates for Exeter, in the room of Mr. Divett.

The following names appear in the obituary of the week:—

In her Majesty's Indian Army: Lieutenant-Colonel James Grissell, Retired List, Bengal Army.

Miscellaneous: Major-General Sir W. Brereton —Mr. Serjeant Morewether—Lady H. Ellerton—Mr. Divett, M.P.—Vice-Admiral Brasier.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

(From the Overland Mail, Aug 3.)

We have now reached the season of the year at which, by general consent, nearly all over Europe, there is a suspension of business activities of the graver kind. Men who make history fold up their work for a time, and forget in rural delights at home, or in wanderings about strange places, that the destinies of nations are conceived to be dependent upon them. And out of this forgetfulness arises something very like universal repose. Whilst monarchs and statesmen are taking holiday, diplomatic entanglements unravel themselves, and the world of politics revolves much more freely and steadily than when so many disturbing hands are picking and poking at it. So it almost always happens that in the autumnal months there is a general lull, and humanity is greatly the gainer by the idleness of those whose vocation it is to "meddle and muddle," and who will not suffer events to work themselves out quietly and peacefully as Nature designs. August has come round again, and with it every symptom of that delightful political languor—that *dolce-far-niente* in public affairs, which is rather puzzling to the chronicler of passing events, who has no story to tell, but which to all the rest of the world is relief and happiness past counting.

On Friday, the 29th of July, Parliament was prorogued by commission, and public writers forthwith began to take stock of its results. It has not been a productive session, and but for the great faction fight at the close of it, it would have been one of the dullest on record. It has brought forth one useful measure, the Poor Man's Annuity Bill, or by whatsoever name we may best describe the Act which is to protect the savings of the poor from the chance of being swallowed up by dishonest administrators of benefit funds and societies. But, beyond this there is not much upon which we can lay our hands; but in this barrenness of demonstrative events there is nothing either to disappoint or to surprise. Every year witnesses some diminution of our public marks, and although new wants are generated by progressive civilization, they do not crop up so fast as to keep undiminished the demand for legislative remedies. Governments, however, whatever wisdom there may be in the maxim, *Quieta non movere*, must "keep moving" in obedience to the popular clamour, and must bring forward every year some "useful measure" or other, or be stigmatized as unprofitable servants. It is something, in this advanced age, to bring forth even one good Act in the course of a session, and, therefore, we ought to be thankful for what we have got. It will be for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, or the Home Secretary, or some other high functionary, during the recess now commenced, to meditate in the fields, or with the pleasant murmur of the sea in his ears, something beneficent for the year 1865. If the Lord Chancellor and the Attorney General were to spend the vacation in the same manner, it might be still better for the public. But vested interests in legal abuses are so strong that law reform seems to move more slowly every year. We are always hearing something about it; and there is a vague belief in the public mind that much has been done, but when one finds oneself in the meshes of the law, there is still the old experience of the fact that it approaches no nearer to justice and reason than it did in the old days of Eldon and Stowell.

Of the state of the law, in one of its most important branches, we have just had a remarkable illustration. The famous Yelverton case has at last "pulled through" the House of Lords. For years, almost every conceivable tribunal in Ireland, Scotland, and England has been sitting upon and giving judgment in this case. The question is, as our readers know, whether a marriage in Ireland, without the consent of parents and with a Roman Catholic priest, is valid according to the law of Scotland, the domicile of the parties. On the contrary there ought to be no great difficulty in determining this point. But there is the greatest possible difficulty. What is marriage in one part of the United Kingdom may be marriage in another, and the "legal contract," which should be a mere matter of fact, has to be determined by a reference to states of feeling, involving all sorts of revelations and disclosures of the most painful and perplexing kind. At last we have a conclusion where nothing is concluded. The House of Lords, supposed to be a court of last appeal, gave judgment in the case. Five law lords propound their views upon the matters before them. The we gut of wisdom is on the side of the lady; the weight of numbers is against her. Brougham and Bethell (Lord Chancellor) declare for the validity of the marriage: Chelmsford, Wensleydale, and Kingsdown against it. The lady, therefore, loses her case; and for the nonce is pronounced to be not Mrs. Yelverton, but Miss Longworth. The lady faints when the decision is announced to her; but when she recovers, writes letters to the papers saying that the case is not yet settled, that "the next legal step to be taken in Scotland is a reference to the oath of parties, until which process shall have been gone through, the opinion of the Lords in this country will not be ratified. In other words, the High Court of Session in Scotland will not "extract judgment." "So we are still to hear more of this case. There are more legal perplexities to be solved; more discordant judgments to be reconciled. And this is the state of our "perfection of human reason" after all our talk of law reform.

As might be expected, at the weary end of the season, when sensations are growing scarce, this last new phase of the Yelverton affair has originated a great deal of talk, the general tenor of which has been such that Major Yelverton has but little reason to congratulate himself on his triumph. The Press has almost unanimously pronounced against him, and the sympathies of the Public are strongly in favour of the lady. The production of her letters in Court and the comments made upon them by Major Yelverton's counsel, have naturally aroused the indignation of all honourably-minded men. The *Times* says, and in one sense truly, that it can be no satisfaction to be the wife of Major Yelverton; but this is taking only a partial view of the case: for a woman under such circumstances cannot be "well rid" of a man, as a man may be "well rid" of a woman. The consequences to the woman are fearful; so we are not surprised that the lady has announced her intention to go on and "to die." Whatever may be the result to her, we trust that it will open the eyes of law-reformers to the scandalous state of the marriage laws of the United Kingdom.

But, after all, the great fact of the week, so far as England is concerned, is what we are wont to call the autumnal exodus. London is now struggling to go out of town. We write the word "struggling" advisedly, for it is an infinite struggle both to get into London and to get out of it; and if it be necessary to reform the law, it is also necessary to "reform our thoroughfares." In spite of subterranean railways and others which seem to run upon our housetops, and carry us into the heart of London, the main arteries are more clogged than ever with every possible kind of wheeled carriages. At those hours of the day when men are in hot haste either to reach their places of business, or to escape from them, it is impossible to proceed from one point to another at any other than a foot's-pace; and men are continually driven to leave their carriages or cabs and take to pedestrianism as the quickest mode of locomotion. The fact is, that the extensive works, public and private, that are now going on in all parts of London, especially the great Thames embankment and the railway bridges, fill our streets to such an extent, with immense carts, full or empty, proceeding to or from the scene of operations, that our streets are in a continual state of "block." In spite of this, however, her Majesty's subjects have contrived and are contriving to escape from London, though, as we have said, it is literally a struggle. The public offices are fast becoming deserted; the clubs are for the most part desolations fast falling into the hands of painters, decorators, and upholsterers; the theatres are mostly closed; and the shops at the West-end are advertising the sale of their "summer goods" at half price. The fine weather has continued almost uninterruptedly since last we wrote. The country is parched for want of rain, and the bright sun or the great heat has either lured or driven out of London every one not under strong compulsion to remain in it.

Affairs being at home in this transition state, and every one being intent on escaping from business, public and private, foreign politics have engrossed but little attention during the past week, but we have this morning some important intelligence from Vienna. Her Majesty informed her faithful Lords and Commons, before dismissing them to their homes, that although in concert with the Emperor of the French, the Emperor of Russia, and the King of Sweden, she had failed to bring about a reconciliation between Denmark and the German Powers, she trusted that the negotiations now going on at Vienna would restore peace to the north of Europe. And these anticipations are now in course of realization. A preliminary treaty of peace has been signed. But to what effect? Even Austria's advice was rejected by Denmark, and hostilities were renewed only to demonstrate the utter impotence of the State that invited the renewal of the contest. And now that peace has come, after this calamitous failure, it is less honourable than that which would have obtained through the good offices of the British Government. Truly says the *Times* this morning:—"The peace, now it has come, is far less favourable than what England could have procured even so late as Tuesday. The King of Denmark ceases as a Power to Schleswig, Holstein, and Lauenburg. Even should Jutland be restored at the conclusion of peace, the position of the Monarchy will be most unfortunate. A Danish population subject to Germany will be at the very doors of the Jutianders. There will be no portion of Schleswig left to the kingdom to be a barrier between the Germans and the purely Danish territory, but Jutland will be exposed, unprotected, to all the influences which a frontier German province can bring upon it. When to this it is added, that by accepting what was offered at the Conference the Danes might have escaped the defeat of both army and navy at Alsen—might have prevented the destruction of the railway in Jutland and the exhausting contributions to which that province has been subject—there are reasons enough to make them regret the incaution with which they plunged for a second time into war."

The war in America still demands a paragraph from us, but it will not be one of a very exciting character. The movement of the Confederate into Maryland has now proved itself to be what was surmised, a gigantic raid. But if it did nothing else, it greatly disturbed and alarmed the Northerners; and it is certain that pending these operations Grant's proceedings against Petersburg have been almost suspended. It is not easy to to speculate upon what may be the results of the next turn of the political kaleidoscope. We observe that some of our English papers are declaring that the prospects of the Confederates were never darker than at the present moment. And yet of late they have been displaying a wonderful amount of vital energy. There have been reports of negotiations for peace being in contemplation; and a correspondence has been published showing that these rumours were not wholly without foundation. But as from this correspondence it appears that President Lincoln has declared that he can only negotiate upon the basis of a thorough restoration of the Union and the abolition of slavery, it would seem that peace is as remote a contigency as ever.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

THE SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN QUESTION.

A Vienna telegram of yesterday's date states that the preliminary treaty of peace was signed on the previous day, upon the basis that all rights to Schleswig, Holstein, and Lauenburg should be ceded by the King of Denmark. The protocol of an armistice, intended to remain in force until the conclusion of peace, was also signed. During the armistice Jutland will be occupied, and the government of the province administered by the allies.

The official 'Abendpost' of Vienna says:—

Lauenburg, Schleswig, and Holstein have been relinquished by Denmark, without any reserve. At the same time a rectification of the Schleswig frontier was determined upon in the interest of Germany. It is to the harmony existing between Austria and Prussia that Germany owes the realisation of her dearest wish, and to the same cause Europe owes it that a general conflict has been averted. Complete success was obtained by the moderation displayed by the great German Powers, and the conviction arrived at by Denmark of their future sincere and loyal alliance. The great German Powers did not wage war for the purpose of conquest, or to realise imaginary tendencies to nationality, but had in view the enforcement of positive and legitimate claims. The Elbe districts are separated from Denmark both by land and sea. These results will be sanctioned for ever by an honourable peace. Austria and Prussia do not wish to have any differences with the remainder of Germany, but they will respect the privileges and the well-established rights of the German Federal Diet.

The Paris 'Pays' of yesterday publishes an article, signed by its editorial secretary, severely censuring Austria and Prussia for despoiling Denmark of the Duchies of Schleswig-Holstein, [illegible] without regard to race, creed, or nationality. The Papal authorities take sympathy shown by France to Germany, and says:—

"This is the reason why we should sincerely regret to see Prussia and Austria abuse their power towards Denmark, and impose upon her conditions of peace contrary to equity and the principle of nationalities. Austria and Prussia, in acting thus, not only compromise themselves in the face of public opinion in Europe, but the bad effect of their ambition will recoil upon the whole of Germany, a result which must surprise and afflict France.

A great public meeting, consisting of about 5,000 persons, was held on August 1 at Offenbach near Frankfort. The

in India, he had no objection that it should be mentioned in the annual statement.

The Secretary said it was the expense of the troops he wished to ascertain.

Sir Augustus Clifford, the Usher of the Black Rod, was then announced. He delivered a message from the Lords summoning the Speaker and the House of Commons to the Upper House, there to hear the royal assent given to a number of bills and the present session of Parliament prorogued by royal commission.

The Speaker, accompanied by Lord Palmerston and a number of other members, then proceeded to the House of Lords. On their return to their own House after an absence of about three-quarters of an hour, the Speaker read the Royal Speech. When he had concluded, Lord Palmerston shook hands with the right hon. gentleman; and the other members present having followed the noble lord's example, the House separated, and the session of 1864 was brought to a close.

THE MURDER ON THE NORTH LONDON RAILWAY.

DISCOVERY OF THE SUPPOSED MURDERER.

There is now every reason to believe that the murderer of Mr. Briggs has been found; and that he is, as was suspected, a foreigner. Little credit, however, is due to the police in connection with this discovery, for until the evidence which pointed to the man now believed to be the murderer was put into their hands, the latter appear to have taken an entirely different direction. At the adjourned inquest held on the 18th inst., certain inquiries were put to Alfred Benham, the niece of the deceased, which pointed directly to a suspicion entertained by the police that the crime was one of vengeance, committed by one so closely connected with Mr. Briggs as to make the refusal of a loan a personal grievance—a suspicion which must have proved much pain to an innocent man. The medical witnesses at the inquest, it may be remarked in passing, were positive that most of the injuries to Mr. Briggs's head were caused by blows—this effectually disposing of the theory of his death being the result of accident. The inquest was again adjourned.

Late on the evening of the same day, a coloman named Matthews called at the police-station in Bishopsgate-road, and made a statement, which, together with subsequent investigations made by the police, forms an almost irresistible mass of evidence connecting a young German named Franz Muller with the murder. This man, it appears, was born at Cologne, is about twenty-five years of age, and is by trade a gunsmith. He came over to England a little less than two years ago, and being unable to get work in his own trade, engaged himself as a tailor's journeyman with a firm in Threadneedle-street. About eight weeks ago he went to reside with a warehouseman named Blyth, at Bow, with whom, and for some time before acquainted, Muller had money dealings to be that he was a German, quiet, easy-mannered man, with a very fair temper. A person of intelligence he must have been, or he would not as a workman have learned a foreign language so perfectly; but he had contracted an intimacy with coloman named Matthews, and engaged himself to his sister, and here he appeared in a less favourable light. He was so excessively jealous and vindictive in his expressions that the girl's brother, unable to bear his temper or his threats, refused her to break with him, and she did so, rather oddly enough, a murderer in disguise, and this and another fact seem to show that though like most Germans easy in outward manner, he was really a morose man, given to brooding over slight injuries and offences. On the other hand it must be came to England with the character of a remarkably quiet, steady, and industrious man, much be valued except perhaps in a discreditable love affair with two women, and that he had been looked to by his employer as one who would be likely to succeed in the world. This passion to "woman" in human seems to have been the impelling motive to the murder, though it is still doubtful whether he had marked down Mr. Briggs specially, or merely waited for some one with a watch. At all events, he got it in the way now made clear, and after getting down the embankment, proceeded to his lodgings, and on the following day behaved as if nothing had occurred. On Friday, however, changing the chain of Mr. Death's, he made the inconceivable folly to send to the new chain and ring to Blyths, and then call on Mr. Matthews, show the watch, and the same chain, and give a child the box which held the chain. The day afterwards the chain was pawned, and the pawnticket sent to an acquaintance, who communicated it to the police. Still there was no link to connect him with the murder or with the 18th inst. [illegible] of a sailing vessel among the *Victoria*, for whether he had for some weeks expressed intention of going. With the extraordinary folly which seems to beset criminals, however, he had given away the box without attempting to remove Mr. Death's name from it. The box was shown by Mr. Matthews's child accidentally to her father, who was struck by the name, and, in communication with the police, hurried to the house

It is stated that Messrs Ritchie, Steuart & Co. have sent to China for 5,000 Chinese to work on the Bombay Reclamation Scheme. A pretty prospect this for Bombay.

We learn from the *Overland Mail* of the 3rd inst. that the Prince of Wales has made the formal application which is preliminary to any person becoming a member of the Masonic body.

Among the recent additions to the curiosities in the rooms appropriated to the Victoria Central Museum in the Town Hall, is a very beautiful model of a Malay War Prahu, which has been presented by our respected townsman, Mr. W. Walker. (Times Corr. etc.)

We are requested to contradict the statement that Mr. Kirk intended to place the two Hindoo children referred to by our correspondent "T." in the Indo-British Institution. The selection of the Superintendent and the Committee is necessary to the admission of even Christian children.

The *Poona and Satara Gazette* says:—"Still speculation on the probable successor of Sir Hugh Rose as Commander-in-Chief in India, the Indian journals now talk with great confidence of Sir Sydney Cotton as the man. We can only say that nothing has yet been settled at Headquarters, and nothing has taken place to justify any of the rumours that circulated."

The many instances that have occurred of late of police-officers acting on the very proper remarks appended to the verdict of Jury at the Coroner's Inquisition on Tuesday last, in the case of the poor boy Henry Fiske of the Poona School, point to the necessity of some effective means being taken to check the brutality and recklessness of the public servants, as well as of urging on the spot ready to act at a moment's notice.

The Eastern Monthly Cash.—The *Sporting Friend*, a weekly periodical, professing to deal with all matters of general sporting news and information, announces the death of an unfortunate gentleman, by suicide, named Rambler, having been apprehended. It was tried by the Assistant Magistrate, Mr. Barnes, it is said, who appears to have exercised himself in collecting evidence to bring home the crime to the culprit. The Sporting Jury, (Mr. Cash Book) before whom the inquiry was held to no effect, after although agreeing with the observers that a strong suspicion lay upon Rambler, the accused, on his having committed the heavy crime, there being no legal proofs whatever to establish the charge of homicide against him, he is entitled to the benefit of the doubt according with the spirit of the English Law.

The following extraordinary notification appears in a recent issue of the *London Times*:—

"Dead.—Suddenly, at New Cross, on 25th June, while President Lincoln was deliberating whether he should imprison him in Fort Lafayette, or banish him to the Confederate States, Mr. Scoville, aged 34, reader to the Common Council, better known as *Manassa*, the correspondent of the *Morning Herald* and *Standard*, and the author of *Rienzi*.

Funerally has been mixed up with him as the cause of the unfortunate man's death, and the above announcement is only not calculated to dispel the report.

It is notified that an amalgamation has been arranged between the Imperial Bank of China, India, and Japan (limited), and the Bank of Hindustan, China, and Japan (limited), by confining to Bankers of business, the charter and privilege of note management. This announcement will be received with satisfaction, the more especially as the terms of agreement are described as "honourable and respectable."—*Overland Mail, August 3.*

Grants to Aid to Missionary Schools.—On the 27th ultimo Lord Elgin's agent, the Hon. Mr. Elmsley, Rev. R. Laidlaw, Secretary to the Mission Society, and Mr. Thomson, native member of the Madras Government, waited on Sir C. Wood for the purpose of hearing explanations of the nature of grants in aid to private, particularly missionary, schools in the Bombay Presidency. Now rules have been lately introduced in this country for the purpose of preventing for the future, as Sir C. Wood was attended by Mr. Edward Howard, Director of Public Instruction for Bombay. The deputation expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the explanations afforded.—*Id.*

The failure of banking and speculation in India, China, Japan, and Australia as well as in the Eastern Archipelago generally, is regarded as the cause of the formation of a new Joint Stock Company, the Eastern Peninsular India Bank (limited), whose operations will be confined exclusively to the Madras Presidency and Southern India, where the capital can expend twice more than double the profit than in the five years. The rates will also, it is understood, be lower than those charged by the Chartered Bank, and Bank of Madras. The arrangements are intended with an Australian house, by which the business will be extended to that field. The proposed capital is 2,000,000, in 40,000 shares of £50 each, of which the first issue is 20,000 shares. The prospectus is issued under the sanction of the President and Board of Management of the Bank of London. The principal, semi-official members relative to this bank.

It is understood that the capital of the newly amalgamated British and Colonial Joint India Bank has been finally subscribed, and the shares will be issued to the general public to-day. The subscription list will remain open for London on Thursday next, and for the provinces and country on Saturday next.—*Id.*

A large merchandise, belonging to the estate of the Marchioness Conyngham, at Slane Castle, County of Flanders, has been introduced among the Imperial Colonial Credit Association (limited) into the Credit Mobilier (limited), by which the Association will be enabled to acquire the collateral liabilities found by the late the S. F. Somes, in conjunction with an honorary, the late Mr. Joseph Cook, M.P., and other gentlemen, by Messrs. Somes Brothers, the present vendors. The first to be purchased comprises eighteen vessels now employed in the trade between Australia and London, together with the floating crushing bottle on the Thames at Poplar, and the plant. The business has been established between sixty and seventy years. The direction is highly respectable, and includes, besides the Messrs. Somes Bros., two directors of the Agra and Masterman's Bank, the chairman and director of the Credit Mobilier (Limited), and director of the Anglica and Scottish Marine Insurance company (limited), and several other well-known names. The capital is £1,000,000, in 20,000 shares of £50 each, with a first issue of 10/0 shares of £20 each, of which 5,000 have already been applied for.

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

(For the fortnight ending 16th August.)

Commissariat Office, Colaba.—From the weather reported from Cutch we are happy to state that the fall of rain has been sufficient to admit of the sowing of the crops generally. The crops were reported to be in a thriving state. Forty-two persons died from cholera in the village of Chinchotee near Alibagh, and nine persons in Bellasee. In the town of Alibagh sixteen deaths occurred. Elsewhere the public health was good.

Some Europeans, who understand, have rented from Government a plot of sacred ground at Maidvee, in the Salsette Collectorate, for the purpose of cultivation.

We understand that some correspondence is at present going on between the Bombay Government and the Rev. Mr. Gell, as to the letter bearing on *Times of India* warrant. The matter, it is stated, will shortly be referred to Sir C. Wood for his consideration.

The *Bombay Standard* states that a Parsee has embraced Christianity, and about a fortnight ago he was baptised at the American Mission Chapel.

Mr. F. Oldham, Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India, has obtained privilege leave of absence for three months.

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.

In alluding to the results of the working of the open line on the B. B. and C. I. Railway Mr. Taylor, in his Special report, appears to look upon the revenue prospects as very promising. It may be called, he says, emphatically the Parsee Railway, being through the native country of Parsees as well as illustrators, who together represent the wealth of the Presidency town. It contains a population amounting to 880 per square mile, etc. Produces a variety of exports of the highest commercial value. The revenue statement for the first half year of 1863, shows the net profits of railway terminating at an unimportant station 120 miles distant from Bombay, and gives but a poor indication of the future traffic that may be expected when the line is connected with this city. The passenger traffic for the half year returned Rs. 4,284, and the goods traffic Rs. 1,021 per mile, being 5,305 for the whole, and not much more than double the traffic for one month of the present half year. The gross receipts, the total annual return should be something over Rs. 15,000, and, it is the opinion of Mr. Taylor, that there is nothing to prevent these receipts being realised under such management, when the line is supposed to be in any manner as thoroughly efficient as other railways of the country. The Guzerat supplies to Bombay, it carried through an average distance of 216 miles at 20 pies per ton per mile, the 5th class rate, would alone give a return of Rs. 3,960 per mile. Assuming first all other articles, excepting 10 to 15,000 tons of seeds and grain, together with the return traffic to give an annual again, and that the receipts from passengers were at least to equal those from goods, the required receipts would be reached. But the goods' traffic would admit of more definite calculation from the returns of the existing traffic between the Guzerat port and Bombay. As regards passenger traffic, it will be seen that it annually advances in the 2,248 per mile for the first year, or Rs. 4,500 per annum, and it is presumed that there can be little question of its being very largely developed when the railway is open to Bombay, provided proper rates of fare are established. The rate for third class passengers on this railway has been frequently changed within the last few years. During the first half of 1861 it was 3 pies per mile, and fleet was also a fourth class rate of 1½ pie. In the last half of that year, the two rates were consolidated into one of 2 pies per mile, which, in June 1862, was raised to 3 pies. This again at the instance of the Chairman of the Company, who was then in India, was raised experimentally for six months from January 1863, to 4 pies, and with the permission of Government that rate was maintained for the whole year. At the expiration of that time the Government, though chiefly in favour of its reduction to a more reasonable standard, were unwilling to force on the Company the adoption of a lower fare and therefore allowed it to be levied for a further period of six months. Under the terms of the contract when the profits exceed 10 per cent. on the outlay, the surplus is to go to the benefit of the public. But the Government held in the meanwhile, a control over the rates and fares, both for the security of the Railway revenue and the protection of the public. The Home Government consider this control will be best exercised by fixing a maximum and then allowing the Company to determine its own rates. But, so far as the interests of the public are concerned, such a maximum is already provided for, in the limit placed on the profits of the Company by the contract; and, on the other hand, the Government cannot undertake to restrict the rates to so low a standard as to make the railway really accessible to the poorer classes in the country. Between these two extremes the only consideration which ought to enter into the question is, what rate will bring the highest profit to the Company, a matter in which, under the guarantee system, the Government are at least as much interested as the Company. If this point were clearly understood, all imaginary clashing of interests would disappear, and the knowledge and experience of Government and its officers would prove of real value in the settlement of the question, instead of occasioning, as it is supposed, needless interference. The exact point in the scale of rates which is most profitable to the Company can only be found by experiment, and not much can be learnt in a time four times as long. This comparatively however, is not considered a fair one, as the consequence of the necessarily long delay by the same would be a relatively longer time. The prospects of this Railway being so favourable, it is important that effectual measures should be adopted to secure its efficient administration. Therefore so far as the management of the traffic department is concerned, the special Commissioners considers that the remarks recently made in respect to the G. I. P. Railway ought to be equally applicable to this. Another subject which presents itself for consideration is the necessity of providing, though at the same period, the unrestricted open line which is gaining, without delay to the capital outlay and destroying the prospects of a remunerative return. Thus, in the opinion of the Commissioners, cannot be recommended under any stopping of the works, or any abatement or by any interference with the absolute discretion of properly prepared estimates, which has been the main source of the evil. What is now required is, that a line should be drawn between the past and the future, as has been done on the East Indian line, and a time fixed, after which, regular or isolated being the case, no work commenced and saw a number of men go inside to beat Chow Affoo. No. 3, Fong Assang, beat him with a stick; No. 15, Chang Akyong, beat him with a stone; No. 2, Wang Alloo, was close by him with a stone. I was very much afraid so ran away, and did not see what happened in the Banya's Stores. Chow Affoo sold merchandize to the Chinamen. He wanted to get paid for the things he had sold them, so they killed him.

Wang Achin said:—I am a coolie at Elephanta. I belong to gang No. 1. Last Wednesday No. 5, Ching Affoo, who has taken to keeping a shop at Elephanta, sold Chow Affoo not to come again to sell things in the Island. They had a little talk and then No. 3, Fong Assang, knocked Chow Affoo down with a hammer. He also used a knife; all the men rushed on Chow Affoo. No. 1 Low Affoor, kept calling out "Talo, Talo." No. 2, Wang Alloo, struck him with a stone both inside and outside the house. No. 4, Tin Alleen, stoned him inside the bungalow. No. 5, Ching Affoo, stoned him with a black bottle. No. 6, Oong Affoo, cried out "Talo, Talo." No. 8, Ching Alloo, and No. 9, Chang Assang, struck him with their hands inside the bungalow. No. 10, Chang Changhee, cried "Talo, Talo." No. 11, Leewa Chang, pulled him from under the tables and struck him when outside with a piece of wood. No. 12, Ching Ayoh, cried "Talo, Talo." No. 13, Chang Assyo, was sitting on the table doing nothing. I helped to carry Chow Affoo to the hospital near the Banya's Stores, the men came down, shoved us aside, and stoned Chow Affoo. No. 7, Kang Agee, was the man who shoved us aside. I saw him stone Chow Affoo. I recognise the bloody jacket in Court as Chow Affoo's.

No. 7, Kang Agee, when asked if he had any question to put to witness said, "witness and Wang Akyong and others were cheating, when Wang Achin struck Chow Affoo and then we all beat Chow Affoo."

Yong Kong said:—I am a cook at Elephanta. Last Wednesday I saw No. 11, Leewa Chang, drag Chow Affoo out of Ching Affoo's bungalow and hit him with a piece of wood. I saw No. 7, Kang Agee, present from taking the wounded man to hospital. I saw No. 3, Fong Assang, at the Banya's Stores with a hammer and knife in his hand; also No. 2, Wang Alloo, and No. 4, Tean Alleen throw the last stones. After which Chow Affoo did not breathe.

Ching Affoo said:—I am a coolie at Elephanta. I belong to gang No. 1. On Wednesday last I was at Affoo's (No. 6) bungalow and after Affoo, No. 5, and Chow Affoo had had a little talk, No. 3, Fong Assang, struck Chow Affoo on the head with a hammer, and used his knife. No. 1, Low Affoo, No. 8, Ching Alloo, No. 9, Chang Assang, No. 10, Chang Changee, No. 12, Chang Ayoh, No. 13, Chang Assyo, No. 15, Chang Akyong, and No. 16, Loon Ayoo, kept calling out "Talo, Talo." No. 4, Tin Alleen, struck him with a piece of wood. No. 5, Ching Affoo, hit him with a black bottle. No. 11, Leewa Chang, pulled him outside from under the table and beat him with a stone. No. 7, Kang Agee, prevented his being taken to the hospital. He, with No. 2, Wang Alloo, stoned him with big stones at the Banya's Stores. The evidence for the prosecution having closed, the Court, at 6 P. M., adjourned until Wednesday morning (the 24th instant) when it was understood that the whole of the prisoners would be committed for trial on the charges preferred against them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HIS RIVERENCE WRONG AGIN.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

Sir,—The Rev. Mr. Gell in a recent editorial has taken credit for a considerable amount of discernment in discovering "as a simple act of justice" that a wonderful reformation had been brought about in the Bombay Post Office by the present Post Master, Mr. Garrett.

The public will, however, be able to estimate the exact value of the kind of enquiry His Reverence makes upon matters of which he pretends to speak authoritatively and the kind of disingenuous information supplied to him, when it is made known as it ought to be, that the whole of the internal arrangements of the Bombay Post Office so applauded were executed by Mr. Garrett's predecessor, Mr. Beauvais, under the personal direction and supervision of the Post Master General before Mr. Garrett had touched the shores of India and when he was "coming himself" in England.

Mr. Garrett's system of sorting has been long exploded, not having been found to answer in Calcutta, Bombay, or elsewhere on account of the very confusion it created.

In a matter of this kind, one is prompted to ask who are the best Judges, the subordinate or superior: the local national officers of the locality most or the outside clergy; or of what value His Reverence opinion is at all in such a matter whatever it may be as to Gothic architecture.

One thing is patent to the whole community, that with these additional appliances Mr. Garrett ought to be able to give the public their letters quicker, which he long and often has not done, notwithstanding all the loud talk about small establishment. Mr. Garrett's predecessor worked the Bombay Post Office with the same without the help of the appliances which were only completed just as he left and did not subject his office and his department to remonstrances from the Chamber of Commerce about favouritism exercised *inside* his offices, and which the Post Master substitutes to the worst of a van *outside*.

CLOVEN FOOT.

Bombay, 24th August.

THE BOMBAY POST OFFICE.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

Sir,—On perusing your issue of this day's date. I find, under the head of "General Correspondence," in your correspondence column, a letter from the chief officer of a vessel in harbour signing himself "T. W. T.," in which he bitterly complains in the non-delivery of his letters sooner than the 15th, although they had suffered on the mail of the 10th instant. He has in this an ample cause for complaint, such as every one, who have not been just received one, sooner or rather sooner by the same mail. A belated Scotch or the Limpets came about with it, although on presently making enquiries for one or more of these letters at the Post Office on two different occasions after the arrival of the said mail I was told there were none. This is surely my only grievance, as but the day previous I received an inland letter four days after it had been posted at Poona.

Blame seems to be attached to the P. and O. for the untimely landing of the English mails, and to lighten this their burden, but I should like to be informed, whether any accident has happened to the daily trains from Poona to this between the 15th and 19th instant, so as to detain any one of them for four days, as in the absence of such in the latter instance it will be quite evident that the Post Office and not the steamer is to blame.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A. B. COLLETT.

It is high time those irregularities were put a stop to, and the sooner the postal authorities make themselves conversant with the song "Good News from Home," why! I say the better; for with the least spark of humanity (if any) in them they would cause the immediate delivery of all letters, which may be easily effected through the agency of their numerous myrmidons. I do indeed pity the poor wretch whose hours are numbered and who expects his reprieve thr ugh the Bombay postal authorities. God help him, I say, for the Post Master it seems cannot.

This is not intended to *hit* when *down*.

20th August. SLEDGE HAMMER.

THE INDO-BRITISH INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

Sir,—A correspondent of the *Bombay Gazette*, "T." complains in this day's issue of an attempt having been recently made to admit two Hindoo orphans into the Indo-British Institution.

"T." appears to have been misled by a mistake in the *Times of India's* report of Mr. Kirk's proceedings in the matter of certain orphans whom the medical authorities of the Sir J. J. Hospital required him to take charge of.

I believe the *Times of India* was in error in stating that Mr. Kirk contemplated even the temporary admission of those orphans into the Indo-British Institution. No admission, however temporary, can take place without the Committee's sanction; or at least not without sanction on behalf of the Committee, by my-self, the Secretary and Superintendent of the Institution, and I have never even received from Mr. Kirk any intimation of a wish to place the Hindoo orphans in the institution.

I take this opportunity of assuring "T.," as well as other supporters of the Institution, that the Committee is entirely opposed to the admission of natives; and has, precisely for the reason mentioned in "T.'s" letter, viz.; that natives would be "unnatived" both as to food and dress. In times past there have been some few exceptional instances of Native Christian children being admitted into the I. B. institution but the Committee have but just lately refused admission to a Native Christian child, notwithstanding very special claims, for the reason above mentioned.—I remain, Sir, yours faithfully

C. D. DU PORT.

24th August.

THE CHINESE WAR.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

Sir,—It is with considerable concern that I have lately read in your contemporary's columns a suggestion from a "Tien Tsingle," to import Chinese coolies from Singapore to the island for employment in the hard reclamation works now progressing here. This really frightful idea has originated in the brain of a man who should have no cause to wish the extirpation of his race on these shores, and it is truly unaccountable that one whose name is in our midst as "dominant household wealth" should desire that we should act once be plunged into a war more terrible than ever has been known in British India. When we reflect what two or three hundreds, brought here by Nicol, have done, what would on the same it there were to be a thousand coolies living on the island? Already, the cause of the pale face is shading in their cheeks, and whatever fell has not been slowly into the ocean by them. If we have another increase of Chinese here, they would take dominion in all probability, and, not content with that, march on to Poona and raise the Governor himself. Oh! "Tien Tsingle," is it for such a return we have read your speculations these many years and raised you upon the back of a "Tien Duolin" in ratified on the sea? Is it for such as this last scrawl that that we have loved you as we have? Or is it that you think that we are brave in Bombay as when we had your mighty voice to rouse us to arms while wing was being done? If so, then "Tien" "Tien" once more to us and release us from those fears which are hourly gaining a mastery over us. Already the Island of Bombay is in danger, murders are of daily occurrence amongst the Chinese, and even the Europeans are beginning to prepare for a siege. But the other day the Esplanade Bunder was blockaded by these murderous, and even while I am writing I know not what may be taking place. Mr. S——, one of Nicol's managers, is not expected to live from a fright given him in one of these demonstrations of the Celestials, and the authorities have as yet scarcely arrested as many criminals from amongst them as there have been murders. The executive, however, have armed two Europeans to turn the tide of the Chinese successes. Two! instead of two thousand at least, which it ought to have have been, for these Chinese not to "go the whole hog or none."

Pray, Mr. Editor, let these disclosures reach the "Great Tom" at Singapore, and beg him to get his Chinese work to do any where but at this place. We have just heard that coolies are wanted at the Andamans, and there is every probability that the Chinese coolies here also will be shortly shipped for that place, for which region they are particularly adapted. "Shade of Ugna," grant it may be true.

I am, &c.,

JAMES.

Upna Cottage, near Bombay, 24th August, 1864

MUNICIPAL APPOINTMENTS.

To the Editor of the Bombay Gazette.

Sir,—As I perceive that an edict has gone forth that the appointment of European Inspectors in the Scavenging Department has proved a failure, I would beg permission to intrude a few remarks upon the subject, and I feel assured that you will lend your valuable aid in correcting an impression, which would otherwise reflect most unjustly upon a portion of the European community, already too much oppressed in this country.

With regard, therefore, to the disappointment which it is said that the Municipal Commission has experienced from the services of these Inspectors, even admitting it to be true, there is no one to blame in the matter but the Commissioners themselves in their selection of the candidates who presented themselves for these appointments. Had the Commissioners studied the qualifications of those to whom the appointments were given, it is possible that they would have discovered that the trial would have proved a great success instead of the failure they have now to deplore. Who could expect that letters of recommendation alone would qualify a man to overintend scavenging, and that the highest of the impression would be conferred upon a man who had only recently arrived in India, and who could not speak a word of the language? Yet such was the case, and it was found necessary to add Rs. 25 per mensem to his salary, in order that he might engage a moonshee to teach him. In the appointment of the ten other Inspectors there is little doubt that an equal amount of discretion has been displayed. I cannot answer for the whole of them myself, but it has been said by those who know the sort of men who would have been fit for the work that the choice of the Commissioners had fallen upon such as knew nothing about it. One, I know, is a most gentlemanly fellow and quite fit for a drawing room, but perhaps a little too fond of good cheer; I should imagine, too, that this macadam job would not be compatible with his feelings but rather more fitted for a cricketer, mason, or a man who had been working under the railway contractors up-country, plenty of whom might have been had for the asking with character and qualifications to boot. Another thing too has been done at the going off in appointing the Inspectors which is scarcely fair. They were led to believe that it was only a temporary job and to last three months. The *Saturday Review* of the other day made the following remarks upon another matter, which is very applicable to the present; "when a servant is under warning, we all know the unsatisfactory character of the relations which subsist in the household." The employés here fancied that the end of this month would terminate their engagement, and grew indifferent, perhaps, to the proper discharge of their duties. This is certainly not right, but getting the *sack*, whether it is or not, is unpleasant, and with the uneducated often drives him to do what he otherwise would not. Another thing is, that had the Inspectors been the best men to be found, they would have met with every possible obstacle which native ingenuity could invent to thwart them. The mucadam of each gang has his own peculiar views as well as the Municipal Authorities as to European surveillance. He either wishes to have the appointment himself or to get some one he knows put into it, and the office of the Commissioners is surrounded by natives who poison the very atmosphere by their lying and cunning in thrusting themselves into place. This system is not only confined to this office in the city of Bombay it is the same, and too much encouragement is given to the natives by the Europeans themselves who have appointments to confer. If the Commissioners would take my advice they would not be satisfied that the trial they have made of European Overseers is yet a failure, but them prefer their own countryman whose honesty at least is preferable to that of the native, and let them select men who can give orders to natives in their own language, and if the present Inspectors are not qualified for their appointments, replace them with those who are.

In my own profession I have met with many natives, but I have never found them possessing that superiority which would entitle them to take the place of Europeans. I have known, however, some of them rather the other way, and although servile to the last degree to their masters and diligent while in their sight quite the other way behind their backs; and with regard to work I consider it taken half a dozen stretched natives to equal one unwatched

EUROPEAN.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor of the Times of India.

Sir,—As your article in the *Times* of Monday, the 22nd instant, is calculated to injure me in my business by the insinuations conveyed that there is some private understanding between the Post Master General and myself, and that it is on my establishment the delay rests, the cause of the mail of the 24th June is due, I think a slight explanation of my proceedings I may be advised to take, to give both assertions an emphatic denial and a characterize them as untrue and as wilful misstatements.

I can only say that had the Post Master General's order for the check over the supplies to the Postal vehicles been carried out by this Post Master, I should not have been subjected as I have been to my bills being returned by the Post Master General's order several times on that account.

In regard to the mail being delayed on account of the non-arrival of the mail van, I deny that it is due in any way to me, Mr. Garrett having two other vans to use, viz., a box van and van No. 2. The box van could easily have been substituted for the van in my yard. On most occasions on the arrival of the Overland Mail only two vans are used. This was the case with the mail of the 24th June, and also with the one following that of the 24th June.

The van sent for repairs was taken in hand immediately on receipt and was ready on 22nd June, and when the Post Office Inspector called on the forenoon of 23rd June, as he said by order of Mr. Garrett to see if the van was ready, he was told that it was so, and word was sent to Mr. Garrett by the Inspector that it would be given upon the duplicate order being furnished me, as another is to be kept for work done, which had been disputed once before. There was ample time for the Inspector to return with the order required, and take the van away the same afternoon; but the duplicate order was not sent, which could have been done by Mr. Garrett putting his initials to the order printed by order of the Post Master General. I maintain that it was the Post Masters obvious duty for the public to have complied with my simple request, and release his van if he who as so responsible for it as now or learn nothing to make out to the public and yourself, and to report me afterwards for any neglect of mine.

On the Superintendant of the Post Office informing me about 7 A. M. on the 24th June that the mail was signalled, I immediately ordered the delivery of the van, but the Superintendent came without a horse, which did not arrive until past 7, and I beg to say I do not hold myself in any way responsible for such manifest neglect of the public interest on the part of Mr. Garrett or his subordinates

To change me with obstructing him in this matter I regard as pure malice.—I remain, Sir, yours obediently,

Bombay, 24th August. A. B. COLLETT.

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—August 24th.

Hallen, Veterinary Surgeon, on leave, from Poona.
Keatings, Major R. H., v.c., Staff Corps, on duty, from Rajkote.

DEPARTURES.—August 24th.

Wharton, Lieutenant, 97th Foot, on medical certificate, to England.
Newpon, Lieutenant C. P., 10th Regiment N. I., on medical certificate, to England.
Gardiner, Lieutenant, 8th Regiment N. I., on medical certificate, to England.
Keatinge, Major, R. H., v.c., Staff Corps, on duty, to Poona.

GARRISON ORDER.—August 24th.

By Lieut. Colonel Murray, Royal Artillery.

The undermentioned officer has obtained privilege leave of absence:—

Assistant Surgeon Don, 83th Foot, from 25th to 31st August, to Proceed to Poona

GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Adjt. Genl.'s Office, Poona, 23rd Aug.

The undermentioned officers having passed the prescribed examination are confirmed in their respective appointments:—

Major R. J. Pengerley, as Second in Command 5th Regiment N. I.

Captain G. L. Thomson, as Wing Officer 26th Regiment, and will continue to officiate as Second in Command.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Aug.	Ships.	Commanders.	From
24	Augusta	Nylen	Stockholm
	Bernard (s)	Collett	Suez Aug. 12.
	Crosswell	Archeson	Rangoon June 4.

DEPARTURES.

Aug.	Ships.	Commanders.	To
24	Malta (s)	Gribble	Aden and Suez.
	M. S. Elphinstone (s)	McLachlan	Surat.
	Bombay Merchant	Jacobs	Penang & Singapore.
	Alfredin	Tinmouth	Calcutta.
	Sherzai	Nicola	Muscat.
	Romania	Cruickshank	Calcutta.

The P. and O. Co.'s Steamer *Salsette*, for China, began to load yesterday.

FREIGHTS.

Liverpool	Cotton	22	3d. to 22 7s. 6d. p. t.
	Seeds	21	0s. 0d. to 0 5s. 0d. p. t.
London	Cotton	None offering.	
	Cases	28	0s. 0d. to 32 5s. 0d. p. t.
To China		Nothing doing.	
To Hull			

BENGAL.

Arrivals.—August 15, *Versao*, Noel, from Kurrachee
20th July, *Earl of Dalhousie*, Campbell, from Bombay
21st August, *Helen Donaldson*, Keighley, from Liverpool 25th April, *Arnold*, Beehner, (date and port not mentioned); *Diamond*, Lang, from Bombay 16th June, *Defiance*, Symons, from Bombay 3rd August, *Bella Morien*, Irvine, from Bombay 24th July, *Sparkler*, McLachlan from Bombay 30th July, *City of Newport*, Brown, from London 29th April, *Ellen Stuart*, Lyons, from Bombay 28th July; *Ceylon*, ——, from Colombo August 1, *Indus*, Hamilton, *Merchant*, Royal Oak, *Frances*, *Moores Fort*, *Henry Bernie*, *Duleep Singh*, *Ascania*, *Lincelles*, and *Ouangondy*, particulars not received.

MADRAS.

Arrivals.—August 13, Screw Steamer *Orissa*, Lewis, from Calcutta and Northern Ports; 15, Ship *Dumphriste Castle*, W. Fleck, from London 27th April; H. M. Steamer *Acracan*, Barrow, from Moulmain 23th July and Rangoon 5th August; French Steamer *Clan Alpine*, from Galle and Pondicherry; French Barque *Selina*, from Bimlipatam; 16, Ship *Queen of the East*, E. Ankers, from Sydney New South Wales, 30th June.

Departures.—August 15, Barque *Amberwitch*, A. McLeod, to Liverpool; H. M. Steamer *Vigilant*, to Trincomallee: 15, French Steamer *Clan Alpine*, T. E. Crockett to Calcutta; 16, Barque *Donna Anna*, G. Newill, to Penang and Singapore; S. *Orissa*, Lewis, to Calcutta, via Northern Ports; Barque *Fairlie*, J. Stephens, to London, via Tuticorin; Ship *Ally*, Ayles, to Calcutta; Ship *John Vanner*, Moore, to Calcutta.

COMMERCIAL.

BOMBAY DAILY BILL, SHARE, AND STOCK LIST

EXCHANGE.

On what Place.	Terms.	Rates.
London Banks	6 months' sight	2s. 1 3/8d.
Do. Credits	Do. do.	2s. 7/16d. to ½d.
Do. Documents	Do. do.	2s. 7/8d.
Calcutta	At sight	Rs. 100½
Do.	30 days' sight	99¾
Do.	60 Do. do.	99¾
Madras	30 Do. do.	100
China	60 Do. do.	228

SHARES.

Names.	Paid up	Last Half. yearly Dividend	Value
Banks.	Rs.		
Agra Bank	500	13 per ct.	Rs. 1,300 per cent. pm.
Asiatic Bank	80	.....	50 per cent. pm.
Asiatic Bank Corpn	170	.....	70 per cent. pm.
Bank of India	500	.....	60 per cent. pm.
Bombay Bank	1,000	8 do.	1,800 per cent. pm.
Bombay City Bank	80	.....	7 per cent. pm.
Bombay Presidency Bank	80	.....	3 per cent. pm.
Bombay Joint Stock Corporation	100	.....	61 per cent. pm.
Bombay Trading & Banking Association (Limited)	125	.....	Par.
Broker's Banking Company	100	.....	15 per cent. pm.
Central Bank	250	6 do.	75 per cent. pm.
Chartered Bank of India, A. & China	200	8 do.	160 per cent. pm.
China Bank	25	.....	17
Commercial, Mercantile Bank of India, London and China	250	10 do.	210 ex div.
Commercial Bank	200	6 do.	140 per cent. pm.
Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris	200	4½ do.	[illegible] 75 per cent. pm.
Eastern Bank	125	.....	9 per cent. pm.
Eastern Banking Association of India	100	.....	44 per cent. pm.
Financial Association of Indian Peninsula London	100	.....	10 per cent. pm.
Madras Bank	50	.....	120 per cent. pm.
Oriental Bank Corporation	1,000	12 do.	170 per cent. pm.
Royal Bank of India	250	8 do.	61 per cent. pm.
Pasha Co.	200	.....	
Apollo Press Co.	11,000	1,800 per share.	Rs. 24,000 per sh.
Colaba Press Co.	2,500	300 do.	Rs. 9,000 per sh.
Fort Press Co.	5,000	850 do.	Rs. 15,000 per sh.
Hindustan Press Co.	4,000	360 do.	Rs. 1,600 pm.
Bijanustone Land and Press Company Limited	1,500	.....	Rs. 700 pm. nml
Scinde Press Co. Limited (Auctioneer)	500	.....	Par. Nominal.
Alexandra Press Company Limited (Madras)	500	.....	Par. Nominal.
East India Press Co	400	.....	Par. Nominal.
Railway Cos.			
G. I. P. Railway Co. Consolidated Stock	218-3-0	pr. ct.	(Discont.) Rs. 19 per cent.
Do. New £20 shares	130-14-0	2½ do.	Rs. 4 per cent.
Bombay Baroda & C. I.	1,000	2½ do.	Par.
Spinning & Weaving Companies.			
Bombay Spinning and Weaving Co.	5,000	800 per share.	Rs. 1,300 prem.
Great Eastern Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,100	.....	Rs. 180 prem.
Manockjee Petit's Spinning & Weaving Co.	850	.....	Rs. 75 prem.
Oriental Spinning and Weaving Co.	2,500	140 Rs. p. share	Rs. 400 prem.
Royal Spinning and Weaving Co.	1,000	.....	Rs. 571 prem.
Victoria Spinning Co.	5,000	.....	Rs. 2,500 prem.
Coorla Spinning Co.	6,000	71 per cent.	Rs. 450 (nml.
Bombay Union Spinning & Weaving Company	1,000	10 pr.	Rs. 325 prem.
Miscellaneous.			
Bombay Reclamation Co.	6,000	.....	Rs. 20,000 pm.
Colaba Land Company	10,000	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 60,000 pm.
Horse and Land Investment Company	900	.....	Par. [illegible] whole share.
Bombay Coolness and Bathing Company	150	.....	Par.
Bhendi Warehouse	900	.....	Par.
Bombay Shipping Co.	1,000	.....	Rs. 4,000 pm.
Iron Ship Company	100	.....	600 discount.
Oriental Ship Owning Association	7[illegible]	.....	Par.
Prince of Wales Do Co.	1,500	.....	Rs. 100 pm.
Union Shipping Company (Limited)	1,000	.....	Par.
Western India Ship Co.	1,000	.....	Rs. 350 pm. nml.
Bombay Coal and River Steam Navigation Co.	1,500	26 per cent.	Rs. 800 pm.
Bengal Steam Co.	2,500	12 per cent.	1,700 prem.
Treasher & Co. (Limited)	2,500		4 per cent. but.
Gas Coke Company	500	.....	Par.
Bombay Gas Company	500	.....	6 per cent. pm. nml
East India Cotton Association	50	.....	
Khandesh Farming Co.	500	.....	Par.
United Mercantile Trading Co. Ld.	100	.....	6 pm. 9 per cent. 6 dis. nml.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Four Per Cent. Transfer Loan	98
Loan 1850-56	98
Loan 1842-43	98
Loan 1841-42	98
New Five per Cent. Loan	102
Five-and-a-Half Per Cent. Loan	110[illegible]

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 10.5
Bank of England Notes	10.2
Spanish Dollars	2.0
Carolus	2.0
Mexican Dollars	2.0
German Crowns	2.0
Five-Franc Pieces	2.0
Bar Silver	2.0
Gold Leaf	16.5

SOMNARAYEN NARNARAYEN,

Exchange, Stock, and Share Broker, Fort.

CROPS CURRENT, 24th August 1864.

COTTON at Oomlas.		Per Candy.
New Broach and Surat (ready)		Rs. 625 to 650
New Dholleras (ready)		625 to 640
New Bhownuggur (ready)		630
Do. Oomrawutee		0 0
New Dharwar, Nargoond		0 0 to 0 0
New Broach and Nuggur		0 0 to 0 0
New Tinnevelly		0 0 to 0 0
New Khandeish		0 0 to 0 0
New Pondicherry		0 0 to 0 0
New Cocanada		0 0 to 0 0
New Mangalore		0 0 to 0 0
New Bhugnuggur		0 0 to 0 0
OPIUM—Malwa, 1st Class		0 0 to 0 0
SEEDS—Linseed, Shandi-ah, at Ra. 6-15 to 6-11 per